

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JOINT MEETING WITH
FISHERS TOWN COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 16, 2004

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met with the Fishers Town Council on Monday, February 16, 2004 at 4:00 pm at Fishers Town Hall, One Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana. Commissioner's President Dillinger called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared present of Commissioner Christine Altman, Commissioner Steven C. Dillinger and Commissioner Steven A. Holt. A quorum was present of the Fishers Town Council, Scott Faultless, Stuart Easley, Eileen Pritchard, Tim Lima, Dan Henke, David George and Charlie White.

Cyntheanne Road and I-69 Interchange:

Fishers has met with INDOT representatives to discuss the possibility of an interchange at Cyntheanne Road and I-69. INDOT was receptive to the idea. Fishers would like the County's support and funding for the interchange.

Metropolitan Airport Relocation:

Fishers would like the County's support and assistance in moving Metropolitan Airport to Wayne Township near Cyntheanne Road. Reasons for the move:

Increased safety because Metro's runway is not aligned with the prevailing winds and its runway is too short for many corporate jets.

A new airport and interchange at Cyntheanne Road would encourage commercial growth and tax base.

Closing Metro Airport increases the County's tax base along 96th Street.

Closing Metro Airport allows for a portion of the property to be held for a large park and ride facility along the rail line for light-rail.

The sale of the current Metro property should be sufficient to acquire the new property and build necessary structures for the new airport.

An airport in Wayne Township would serve the eastern side of the County.

An airport in Wayne Township benefits Noblesville's Corporate Campus.

The Indianapolis Airport Authority (IAA) would sell the property, build the new airport with the necessary structures and they will keep the rest of the money.

800 acres is needed to build the airport. Would be under the control of IAA.

Project needs to be timed with construction of the Cyntheanne Road Interchange. Bridge deck is fine, access ramps need to be constructed. Steve Holt suggested Fishers concentrate on getting right of way acquired.

Christine Altman suggested as a courtesy Fishers speak to the Hamilton County Board of Aviation and the Wayne Township Trustee. Steve Holt stated the Commissioners can take care of that.

Steve Dillinger stated Hamilton County has no funds to commit. Christine Altman stated the County can not raise property taxes for roads and bridges. We don't have enough COIT. The County only has so much money.

Future location of airport will be in the County's zoning jurisdiction. Christine Altman will speak with Chuck Kiphart.

INDOT would like three letters regarding the airport relocation. A letter from Hamilton County, Noblesville and Fishers stating that they agree with moving the airport. A letter regarding the existing zoning and stating that the area would be zoned correctly for an airport. A letter confirming the zoning from Fishers. Steve Holt asked Fishers to get the Commissioners the letters for signature and asked them to keep the County informed.

INDOT wants to send an RFP out in 90 days. There is no possibility of funding from INDOT for the bridge.

Bridges and Culverts:

131st Street Bridge near the new high school needs improvement. Buses will not pass each other on this bridge.

The bridge needs a pedestrian path. Jim Neal stated the bridge is structurally ok. It is being worked in to the County's Five Year Bridge Replacement Plan. Fishers will get a list of the proposed new schools to the County and will keep the County updated on the school's construction plans.

104th Street and Olio Road - Fishers would like this moved up on the list for improvement due to the turning radius.

126th Street - Fishers is starting design on 126th Street from Allisonville Road to Olio Road. Fishers has requested federal funds and a possible bond issue to fund. Bridges are not included in the funding requests. Bridge #179, 126th over Sand Creek is in Phase I of the project. It is scheduled in the County's 2007 Bridge Program. Bridge #178, 126th over Mud Creek is in Phase III. It is not on the County's schedule. These bridges do not have structural problems. Fishers would like to see a dialog between the County and Fisher's staff members regarding criteria of bridges and roads.

Olio Road Causeway - construction will begin in 2005-2006. This is a Federal Aid project.

Bridge on Lantern Road over Britton Branch/Shoemaker Ditch between 126th and 131st is scheduled for replacement in 2004. Right of Way is being acquired.

Culvert on 106th Street between Hague Road is not on the County's schedule.

Intersections:

106th and Geist Road - Fisher's project.

113th and Florida Road - Developer's are taking care of.

96th and Mollenkopf Road - Appraisals are done. Mollenkopf and Fall Creek is to be included in the 96th Street intersection project. County has submitted for Federal Aid. It is 90% designed. County Council passed a resolution approving the funds match if federal funds are granted. An interlocal agreement has been drafted for installation of the signals.

106th and Mollenkopf Road - There is a problem with the vertical alignment on 106th Street. It is not on the plan.

104th and Olio Road - County is in discussions with the schools. Right of way is in place. We have requested funding from the MPO.

131st and Allisonville Road - County has not looked at it.

Road Improvements:

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96th Street from Lantern Road to Fall Creek - County has submitted an application for Federal Aid to the MPO. Lantern Road to Cumberland in 2008. Mike Booth will fax a copy of the letter sent to the MPO to the County Highway Department.
96th Street east of Geist to a four lane roadway with a grass median and pedestrian path on the north side. Several residents remonstrated against this plan. 96th Street east has been terminated.

County wide Communications:

Christine Altman stated Hamilton and Marion Counties are submitting an application for a \$10 million Homeland Security Grant. Funds from this Grant would be used towards a County-wide Emergency Communications System. They have seen presentations from two vendors and will be viewing the third system next week. Equipment must be compliant with the Federal Government.

New Bridge over White River:

Fishers does not see a new bridge over White River at 126th Street as an economic plus.

Barrington Estates Sewers:

Residents to the east have filed for a conservancy district for sewage. No agreement has been met at this time. Fishers has permitted the residents to dump at Fishers. There have been no new building permits issued at this time.

Present

Christine Altman, Hamilton County Commissioner
Steven C. Dillinger, Hamilton County Commissioner
Steven A. Holt, Hamilton County Commissioner
Stuart Easley, Fishers Town Council
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Dan Henke, Fishers Town Council
Tim Lima, Fishers Town Council
Eileen Pritchard, Fishers Town Council
Charles White, Fishers Town Council
Gaye Cordell, Fishers Clerk-Treasurer
Mike Booth, Fishers Town Manager
Doug Church, Attorney for Fishers
Jim Brimbury, Fishers Director of Public Works
Drew Williams, Fishers Engineer
Brian Lott, Fishers Fire Chief
Judy Levine, Hamilton County Council
Robin M. Mills, Hamilton County Auditor
Brad Davis, Hamilton County Highway Director
Jim Neal, Hamilton County Engineer
Kim Rauch, Administrative Assistant to Auditor

APPROVED
HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

Robin M. Mills, Auditor